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                       UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                      CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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     Lily Jeung, Amy Sayers, and Darren) No. CV14-06223 FMO (ASX)
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     Walchesky, on behalf of themselves )
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     and all others similarly situated
                                            ) Plaintiffs' Note after signing
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                                            ) Joint Statement
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                                            ) -- Yelp's intentional delay of
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     Plaintiffs,
                                            ) Court Ordered Mediation
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                                            ) so as to report to Chief Judge
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                                            ) tardy motion judge
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     vs.
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     Yelp, Inc.
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     Defendant.
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      I am Daniel A. Bernath, attorney for plaintiffs and all others similarly situated. The
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     Court ordered this matter to mediation. I requested a mediation as soon as possible.
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     Yelp demanded mediation well into the summer in an apparent attempt to delay this
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     matter as long as possible.
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     The mediator then stepped in and overruled Yelp's tactics and citing his mandate to
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     conclude the mediation as soon as possible set it for April 14, 2015.
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- Thereafter, Yelp demanded that plaintiffs sign a joint statement that a matter under
- 2 submission was taking too long and to serve this Notice on the Chief Judge of the
- 3 Central District. Plaintiffs' attorney opposed this but stated that he would of course
- 4 comply with any Court Rule. Plaintiffs' attorney then signed the joint statement and
- 5 included a note as to Yelp's tactics of delaying the mediation so that it would fall
- 6 OUTSIDE of the time set for deliberation on a submitted matter in an apparent attempt
- 7 to sabotage the mediation.

8 HERE ARE THE EMAILS WHICH I HAVE SENT AND HAVE RECEIVED. FIRST 9 REGARDING SETTING UP OF THE MEDIATION DATE:

- Sonia Patel
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- Mar 10
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- Adrianos Facchetti
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- 16 me
- Reagan Hyland
- 18 Thank you. Since there is not agreement to re-set, I will send notice for April 14th.
- 20 Sent from my iPhone
- On Mar 10, 2015, at 12:43 PM, Adrianos Facchetti < <u>adrianos@facchettilaw.com</u>> wrote:
- 22 Dear Ms. Dalton:
- Defendant will <u>not</u> agree to re-set the matter. We will attend the mediation on April 14,
- 25 as previously agreed to by all parties.

27 Thanks.

On Mar 10, 2015, at 12:15 PM, Sonia Dalton < soniadalton 327@gmail.com > wrote: 1 Counsel: 2 The mediation remains scheduled for April 14th unless both sides mutually agree to re-3 set the matter for April 9th or 10th. 4 Absent such agreement all counsel are expected to appear and participate as agreed on 5 April 14th. Please let me know by end of day today. 6 7 8 Thanks, Sonia 9 10 On Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 12:18 PM, Daniel Bernath <ussvorktowncvs10@yahoo.com> 11 12 wrote: I request that we move the mediation to any day, a week earlier than April 13 14 14. As we have it now (and for no logical reason that I can discern) I will be on the west 15 coast from Florida for the mediation and if it fails to produce results then I will take the 16 deposition of the CEO and another executive in San Francisco immediately thereafter. 17 Then I must return to Florida and drive about 3 hours for a two day weekend seminar 18 on that weekend. 19 If we could move the mediation to the week earlier on any day in that earlier 20 week then I could do all these necessary things regarding this case, not touch the 21 discovery cut- off date on this case and also make the two day seminar which I have 22 previously booked and paid for estimated at about \$400.) 23 Respectfully, 24 25 Daniel A. Bernath 26 Attorney for Plaintiffs 27 28 From: Sonia Dalton < soniadalton 327@gmail.com > 29 To: Daniel Bernath <ussvorktowncvs10@yahoo.com> 30 Cc: Adrianos Facchetti <adrianos@facchettilaw.com>; Reagan Hyland 31

Are you asking plaintiff to send Notice to all parties and file with Court? 1 Plaintiffs wish to the mediation to take place at San Juan Capistrano. Unless instruct to 2 do otherwise, we will set it at the mediators office starting at 9 am on April 14, 2015. 3 Daniel A. Bernath 4 5 6 From: Sonia Dalton < soniadalton 327@gmail.com > To: Daniel Bernath <ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com> 7 Cc: Adrianos Facchetti < adrianos@facchettilaw.com >; Reagan Hyland 8 <reagan.facchettilaw@gmail.com> 9 Sent: Friday, March 6, 2015 5:19 PM 10 **Subject:** Re: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation 11 12 Counsel; 13 I am holding April 14th for this matter. Please send current case caption and proof of 14 service. 15 Thank you, 16 Sonia 17 18 On Fri, Mar 6, 2015 at 12:54 PM, Daniel Bernath <ussvorktowncvs10@yahoo.com> 19 20 wrote: Agreed by Plaintiffs April 14, 2015 it is 21 Daniel A. Bernath 22 Attorney for Plaintiffs 23 24 25 From: Adrianos Facchetti <adrianos@facchettilaw.com> 26 To: robert@coviellomediation.com 27 Cc: Daniel Bernath <ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com>; Sonia Patel 28 <soniadalton327@gmail.com>; Sonia Dalton <sonia@coviellomediation.com>; Reagan 29 Hyland <reagan.facchettilaw@gmail.com> 30 **Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2015 3:46 PM 31

1 Subject: Re: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation 2 I have spoken to my client and April 14 works well for us. 3 4 On Mar 6, 2015, at 11:41 AM, <robert@coviellomediation.com> 5 <robert@coviellomediation.com> wrote: 6 Counsel. 8 I cannot compel either side to mutually agree upon a date certain to conduct the mediation session. 9 However consistent with the courts General Order #11-10, Section 8.2 - "The 10 mediator shall strive to schedule the mediation for the earliest possible date 11 after the parties have had reasonable time to evaluate their case, thus 12 minimizing the expense of litigation." (emphasis by mediator) 13 I therefore find no justifiable reason why the mediation session cannot be scheduled 14 within the next 45 days. 15 Thus I am requesting that counsel meet and confer in good faith to select one of the 16 following dates for the mediation session: 17 March 26 or 31; 18 April 2, 6, 8, 9 or 14th. 19 In the event you cannot agree upon a date certain for the mediation session by the end 20 of business on Tuesday March 10th, I will be compelled to withdraw my consent to 21 mediate this matter and will so notify the court. 22 If the six dates listed above do not work due to bone fide calendar conflicts I may be able 23 to provide additional open dates however none later than April 14th. 24 25 Have a good week end. 26 27 Robert Coviello 28 29

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     From: Daniel Bernath [mailto:ussyorktowncvs10@vahoo.com]
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     Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2015 10:39 AM
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     To: Adrianos Facchetti; robert@coviellomediation.com
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     Cc: Sonia Patel; Sonia Dalton; Reagan Hyland
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     Subject: Re: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation
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     Adrianos Facchetti
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2	When is the discovery cut-off? (fact discovery cut-off is 6/9/15)
3	Thank you Mr. Facchetti:
4 5 6	We need to conclude this perhaps dispositive one day mediation within the next 3 weeks. Otherwise, it will be impossible to propound discovery such as interrogatories, demands for production and the depositions of the CEO and others at defendant corporation.
7 8 9	Again, Yelp, Inc. is well aware of the issues and facts in this case and are ready for a well prepared mediation as they have been sued by these plaintiffs on these facts over a year ago in Dr. Panzer, Jeung, et al., v. Yelp, Inc.
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11	Daniel A. Bernath, Attorney for Plaintiffs
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14 15 16 17 18	From: Adrianos Facchetti adrianos@facchettilaw.com To: robert@coviellomediation.com Cc: Daniel Bernath ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com ; Sonia Patel sonia@dalton327@gmail.com ; Sonia Dalton sonia@coviellomediation.com ; Reagan Hyland reagan.facchettilaw@gmail.com > Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2015 1:26 PM Subject: Re: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation
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21	Answers are in red below:
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23 24	On Mar 5, 2015, at 7:55 AM, < <u>robert@coviellomediation.com</u> > < <u>robert@coviellomediation.com</u> > wrote:
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26	Counsel,
27	 When was the matter initially assigned/ordered to mediation? (12/8/14)
28	 Did the court provide a mediation conclusion deadline date ? Yes (6/9/15)
29	 When is the discovery cut-off? (fact discovery cut-off is 6/9/15)

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2	Rate sheet is attached. $\frac{1}{2}$ day rate is \$3,500. A \$125 administrative fee per side is applied unless the parties arrange for the mediation site.
4	Otherwise I use facilities in various SO Cal locations.
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6 7 8 9	Coviello Mediation Services 31815 Camino Capistrano (949) 429-7500 Suite 19 (949) 429-7505 (fax) San Juan Capistrano, Ca. 92675
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12 13 14 15 16	From: Daniel Bernath [mailto:ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 5:20 PM To: robert@coviellomediation.com; 'Adrianos Facchetti' Cc: Sonia Dalton Subject: Re: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation
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18 19	This is acceptable to Plaintiffs. I haven't seen what the fees for plaintiffs would be for a full day at 1/2 price.
20	Daniel A. Bernath, Esq.
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23 24 25 26 27 28	From: "robert@coviellomediation.com" <robert@coviellomediation.com> To: 'Daniel Bernath' <ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com>; 'Adrianos Facchetti' <adrianos@facchettilaw.com> Cc: Sonia Dalton <sonia@coviellomediation.com> Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 7:40 PM Subject: RE: Jeung v. Yelp, Inc. Mediation</sonia@coviellomediation.com></adrianos@facchettilaw.com></ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com></robert@coviellomediation.com>
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30	Mr. Bernath,
31 32	Thank you for the inquiry. As a general rule I do not accept Representative and/or Class Action matters from the Federal Mediation Panel in light of my experience that such cases

cannot be reasonably discussed and negotiated in the normal 3 hour time allotted under the 1 2 program. If the parties however would like to schedule a full day session I will only bill my ½ day standard 3 rate. This assures that sufficient time will be reserved for the matter yet provides a financial 4 discount to the parties consistent with the Federal Court's program. 5 6 If this is acceptable to all counsel please let me know and my case manager will follow up with you and provide further information. 7 8 Regards, 9 **Bob Coviello** 10 11 Adrianos Facchetti 12 Attorney at Law 13 14 301 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 514 15 California Defamation Law COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL SIGNING OF JOINT 16 STATEMENT 17 Re: Jeung, et al. v Yelp - JOINT REQUEST Adrianos Facchetti From: (adrianos@facchettilaw.com) To: ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com; Cc: reagan.facchettilaw@gmail.com; Wednesday, April 1, 2015 1:01 PM Date: 18 No. We will not file a document containing your proposed language. 19 Therefore, we will file our own request for decision on behalf of Yelp only. It will not 20 contain your signature. If you wish to file a separate document, that of course is your 21 prerogative. 22 23 24

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- On Apr 1, 2015, at 9:47 AM, Daniel Bernath <ussvorktowncvs10@yahoo.com> wrote:
- 2 Do not put in any electronic signature of Plaintiffs' legal counsel. Scan what
- 3 I have signed and enter that into Pacer filing system for the Court.
- 4 Their counsel is signing under protest and above plaintiffs' counsel's name is this statement (on its
- 5 way to you by a courier of an agency of the United States government).
- 6 "Plaintiffs object to Yelp's misconduct. Yelp insisted that
- 7 mediation be delayed as long as possible so as to trigger this
- 8 unnecessary "Notice". Yelp attorney Schurr has not signed this
- 9 staged Notice."

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- 11 From: Adrianos Facchetti <adrianos@facchettilaw.com>
- 12 To: Daniel Bernath <ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com>
- 13 Cc: Reagan Hyland < reagan.facchettilaw@gmail.com >
- 14 Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 12:34 PM
- 15 Subject: Re: Jeung, et al. v Yelp JOINT REQUEST
- 17 Thank you, but no physical signature is required. Nor does Mr. Schur need to sign the
- document since both he and I represent Yelp (the same client), and I am signing it on
- behalf of Yelp. So, just as you and I did with the Joint Conference Statement, if we
- include our electronic signatures at the end of the document, that should be sufficient to
- 21 comply with the rules.
- 22 Do I have your consent to file the document?
- 23 Let me know.
- 24 Thanks.
- 25 On Apr 1, 2015, at 4:52 AM, Daniel Bernath <ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com>
- 26 wrote:

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28 Signature page in the mail

bound to follow. Please let me know if you will sign the document so we can comply

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2	http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/documents/LRs-Effective-2014-June-1-Chapter-1.pdf
	Chapter-1.pdi
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5	Thanks.
6 7	On Mar 31, 2015, at 10:28 AM, Daniel Bernath < ussyorktowncvs10@yahoo.com > wrote:
8 9	I will have to analyses this but the Court is fully aware of all of your motions and then sent it to mediation.
10 11 12	If you or your client tries to disrupt the mediation, already hired mediator, paid for, plane tickets and hotel booked, etc., then I shall of course have to consider my options under Rule 11.
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15 16	I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is of my own personal knowledge and was made at Ft Myers Florida on April
17	1, 2015. Daniel A. Bernath